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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER , PANAMA FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL TREATIES - REPORT NO. 2

REF: STATE 079840

1. A QUIET DAY IN WASHINGTON ON THE PANAMA FRONT.
2. AT MARCH 28 PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER HE MET PRESIDENT CARTER, VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ NOTED HE HAD EXPRESSED HIS PROFOUND CONCERN TO PRES. CARTER OVER RESERVATIONS OR AMENDMENTS THAT MIGHT BE ATTACHED TO THE TREATIES. HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT "IF THERE ARE TROUBLESOME RESERVATIONS OR AMENDMENTS, THEY WILL BE RECONSIDERED DURING THE DEBATE OF THE SECOND TREATY."
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3. COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ MICHELSEN TOLD AMB. ASENCIO HE FELT THE DECONCINI RESERVATION CONTRAVENED THE RIO TREATY AND THE OAS CHARTER REGARDING NON-INTERVENTION.
4. IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION DELIVERED TO ROSSITER AS SCHEDULED. SO FAR, NO REACTION.

5. ROYO SAID PANAMANIAN WOULD PONDER LATEST SEA-LEVEL

CANAL RESERVATION WE HAD PROVIDED: "... INSTRUMENTS
OF RATIFICATION ... SHALL EACH INCLUDE PROVISIONS
WHEREBY EACH PARTY SHALL AGREE TO WAIVE ITS RIGHTS AND
RELEASE THE OTHER PARTY FROM ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER
PARA 2 OF ARTICLE 12."

6. WE HEAR THAT
PANAMA MAY POSTPONE SCHOOL REOPENING FROM
APRIL 17 TO MAY 3, AND THAT SOME STUDENT AND LEFTIST
GROUPS MAY BE PLANNING A DEMONSTRATION APRIL 2.

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